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REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a non-statutory double patenting rejection as to certain claims in the instant application under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,620,313, as follows:

1. Claims 1, 2, 3 as being unpatentable over claims 1,2, and 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,620,313;
2. Claims 4-6 as being unpatentable over claims 3 and 15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,620,313 in view of Ziemer (U.S. 5,543,035);
3. Claims 7-12 and 33 and 34 as being unpatentable over claims 3-8, 27 and 28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,620,313;
4. Claims 13 and 14 as being unpatentable over claims 2, 9 and 10 of U.S. Patent 6,620,313;
5. Claims 16, 17 and 18 as being unpatentable over claims 19, 20 and 21 of U.S. Patent 6,620,313;
6. Claims 19 and 20 as being unpatentable over claims 2 or 3 of U.S. Patent 6,620,313;
7. Claims 21-24 as being unpatentable over claims 22 and 23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,620,313;
8. Claims 25 and 26 as being unpatentable over claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,620,313;
9. Claims 27-30 as being unpatentable over claims 24 and 25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,620,313;
10. Claim 31 as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2 or 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,620,313 in view of Xiao (U.S. 5,993,644); and
11. Claim 32 as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2 or 3 of U.S. Patent 6,620,313 in view of Xiao (5,993,644).

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A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is attached hereto to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner has issued a non-statutory double patenting rejection as to certain claims in the instant application under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,162,350, as follows:

1. Claims 1, 2 and 3 as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 4 and 8 of U.S. Patent 6,162,350;
2. Claims 7-12 and 33 and 34 as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 4 and 8 of U.S. Patent 6,162,350; and
3. Claims 13 and 14 as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,162,350.

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Applicants acknowledge the prior art made of record as pertinent to applicants' disclosure, but not relied upon.


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In view of this response and the submission of these Terminal Disclaimers,
applicants request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and pass this application to
allowance.

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